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## Sir John French Ousted; Haig Takes Command

BRIBERY CHARGE INVOLVING WOOD AROUSES PERKINS

District Attorney to Lay Testimony Before the Grand Jury.

\$5,000 DEMAND MADE, SAYS UPTEGRAFF

Price of Commissioner's Vote. Signal Company's President Asserts He Was Told.

District Attorney Perkins took a hand last night in the investigation of the affairs of Public Service Commissioner Robert C. Wood by the Thompson committee. He announced that he would immediately obtain a copy of the testimony of W. D. Uptegraff, president of the Union Switch and Signal Company, of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of laying it before the grand jury. Mr. Perkins said he would not wait for any corroboration of the testimony of the signal company presi dent before taking action, as he deemed this unnecessary in view of the latter's

Mr. Uptegraff's testimony caused a sensation. He told the committee of how, early in July a year ago, Sidney G. Jehnson, then general sales man \$5,000 from the company for the purpose of paying it to Public Service two packages of arsenic. mmissioner Wood. This was less than two months after the latter had ecome Commissioner.

he said, and the sales manager then carried his case before a meeting of with the result that Johnson and Colonel Prout, president of the company, til her body was found. were asked for their resignations, which were given at once.

Bargain with Wood Alleged

Mr. Uptegraff declared that Johnson ment with Wood by which he was to daylight by a farmer. pay him the money, in return for which Wood was to vote for the award of the to-day for the Christmas holidays. Centre Street loop signal contract to

Johnson has notified the Thompson | ways present at the meeting when the payment of the sum came up.

Travis H. Whitney, secretary of the

Public Service Commission, followed Mr. Uptegraff on the stand with the statement that Commissioner Wood

and days before the awards were filed with the Commission, Wood asked Cairman McCall to assign him to the case. No hearings were held by Wood, Mr. Whitney said, but he did held two conferences, at one of which Johnson was present. While the case was in Wood's hands, he said, the Union Switch and Signal Company filed a project against the sward of the contract to the Federal Company, which was the to the Federal Company, which was the

"n's letter recommending it, together ith the check and voucher for its pay-

Story Impresses Committee.

Mr. Uptegraff told his story in a wet, undramatic way that impressed such undramatic way that impressed the members of the committee with his specific. He said the demand for the 10,000 came from Johnson early in July 10,000 contract assigned to him.

ow, was there an occasion," Dep in reference to expenditures which he had planned to make in reference to an expenditure? We will put it that

"Yes," Mr. Uptegraff replied. Yes," Mr. Uptegraff replied.

Q.—You may tell us what there was about that. A.—In the latter part of stee or early part of July Mr. Johnson anted \$5,000, and I wanted to know that he wanted it for. After some little time, not very long, I was told that wanted the \$5,000 for the purpose the wanted the \$5,000 for the purpose of paying it to Mr. Wood.

Q.—You understood at the time that the standard company, with offices at 11 Pine Street. He was fifty years old.

Adv.

Adv.

Approximation replied.

John Everett, a public accountant, of select that his propaganda activities were absolutely legal and morally commendable. Engelbert Bronkhorst, in asking for him, said that heart disease was probably the cause of death.

Mr. Everett was president of the Everett Audit Company, with offices at 11 Pine Street. He was fifty years old.

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Bishop L. L. Kinsolving to Officiate at Her Marriage.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.-The Right Rev. Dr. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, missionary ishop of the Protestant Episcopa ocess of Southern Brazil, will officite at the marriage of President Wil in Washington, on Saturday. This anhop Kinsolving spent much time while city last week.

Bishop Kinsolving is the son of the late Rev. Ovid A. Kinsolving, who, more BRITISH DUM-DUMS than forty-one years ago, married Mrs. Galt's parents in Virginia. Friends say it was the wish of Mrs. Galt that he bishop officiate.

ld. He was born and educated in Virginia, and is a brother of the Right Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Texas,

### MISS FOLKS KILLS HERSELF IN SNOW

Daughter's Suicide Due to Overstudy, Belief of Secretary of Aid Society.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune Madison, Wis., Dec. 15 .- The body of Lalitha M. Folks, daughter of Homer Folks, of Yonkers, N. Y., and postgraduate student in the University of Wisconsin, was found a few miles from town early this morning lying in a in her temple and a revolver was ager of the Union company, had asked clutched in her hand. Beside her in the drift lay a box of cartridges and

established. The girl, who was twenty-three years old and a graduate of Vassar, attended her classes at the university as usual yesterday and appeared in good spirits. She returned the board of directors of the company, to her boarding house in the evening half of his client, Max Breitung, a dential report dealing with the immeand her absence was not discovered un-

She must have taken through the deep snow to her death late in the evening or early in the morning. The huddled heap by the had told him that he had an arrange- roadside was discovered soon after

The girl was to have returned home in this country.

At Miss Folks's home, in Yonkers, the Union company. Later in his tes-last night, her father, who is secretary timesy Mr. Uptegraff said that John-of the New York State Charities Aid regreed to pay Commissioner Wood of her death other than a brief

Folks said his daughter was almore than conscientious student | Bil

statement that Commissioner Wood were fined \$25 each yesterday by the bor because she feared capture by beld up the awarding of the Centre committee on arrangements for an British cruisers, was the reason why beld up the awarding of the Centre committee on arrangements for an arrangements for an arrangement of the was now in this country, he said. Street loop contract so long that he noying H. G. Germond, of Libaire & he was now in this country, he said.

Dr. Kienzle admitted that he had before the entire Commission with

ist in International Harvester.

The ringleaders of the offending brokers, who have been reprimanded brokers, who have been reprime on several previous occasions for "hazing" Germond, are Clarkson R. Runyon, of Carlisle, Mellick & Co.; Daniel
Young, ir., of H. N. Whitney & A. Loring, jr., of H. N. Whitney & Sons, and William H. Wallace, of Kelly

"CURLY JOE" MUST WAIT

Cassidy and Willett Fail of Parole Because of Fines.

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John B. Riley, Superintendent of Prisons, said to-night that the State Parole Board put off action on the Willett and Cassidy parole cases pend-ing the result of this test. The board will meet again after the helidays and hopes that the cases will be settled by

absence of the payment of their fines.

DIES AT DINNER IN HOTEL John Everett Stricken While with Party

of Friends. While dining with a party of friends at the Hotel Brevoort, Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street, late last night,

MRS. GALT PICKS MINISTER KIENZLE ADMITS **WORKING AGAINST MUNITION PLANTS** 

nouncement was made to-day by a high In First Utterance Since Felix Ermann, a butcher, of 2216 Arrest Confesses Activity, Eighth Avenue, defrauded his custombut Denies He's Plotter.

MADE HERE, HE SAYS

Bishop Kinsolving is fifty-three years life, Breitung and Bronkhorst Demand Separate Trials-Motion Up Monday.

> recently indicted for conspiracy and strong," he said. ut in \$25,000 bail, admitted yesterday that he had been actively interested against the shipment of dum-dum and mushroom bullets to the Allies. He admitted having written a protest against the manufacture and shipment of inhuman bullets, used, he said, by BOY-ED'S SECRETS the British, and of having forwarded it with other matter to his father, he

All these admissions appeared yesterday in the form of an uffidavit presented at the Federal Building, and copaganda activities.

counsel for three of the alleged Ger- it is said. man bomb conspirators now under indictment to obtain separate trials, ing the report on Tuesday that Gustav Each of the defendants contends that Krueger, Boy-Ed's secretary, had mys- all indications are that a pessimistic he is in no way connected with any teriously disappeared.

, in detail their respective versions of ordered an investigation.

Protested to Washington.

ment of any sort has come from these son had told him that he had arranged or ogreed to pay Commissioner Wood the \$6,000 if the Centre Street loop signal contract were awarded to the Union company.

Commissioner Wood last night declared that the statement made by Mr. Uptegraff was false.

This statement is absolutely false,"

This statement is absolutely false," made preparatory to a motion for the

Dr. Herbert Kienzle said that he was twenty-eight years old and lived with Johnson has notified the Thompson committee that notified the Thompson is degreed to produce John R. McCune and Thompson details an unfortunate love affair could have been the cause of her death.

Journal" yesterday in which he declares that it is common knowledge among all which opened with the Teutonic invalidations, it would spontaneously institute an investigation against him the diplomatic and consular representations. He deployed that an unfortunate love affair could have been the cause of her death.

Journal" yesterday in which he declares that it is common knowledge among all which opened with the Teutonic invalidation of the Balkan campaign, ways a more than conscientious student such that commander had done anything contrary to Journal" yesterday in which he declares that it is common knowledge among all which opened with the Teutonic invalidation of the University of the

Pay \$25 Each for Annoying Older

Member of Exchange.

Five members of the Stock Exchange were fined \$25 each yesterday by the the fore the entire Commission without entered the contract in charged.

Tells of Inside Information.

Mr. Whitney said that Wood appar
The ringleaders of the offending were reprimended the contract of the traders as a special way of the food of the contract of the co he had protested against their use and had forwarded a mass of material collected by him on this subject to Secretary of State at Washington.

Never Was a Plotter. The affidavit includes photographs of

se in the Lee-Enfield rifle.

He said he had read statements con-

never had any connection or inter-course with Robert Fay, his alleged co-conspirator, now in the Tombs prison, and never saw him.

General Gonzales.
This dispatch w General Gonzales the chief of his inf

Kienzle said he wrote out his ideas knew that this was the only communication which Fay could have seen in Europe or could have known of before the "lieutenant" called upon him here.

Dr. Kienzle further declared that he never had any conversation with the alleged co-conspirators which led him to believe that any of them contemplated the destruction of ships or a munition plant, committing murder or arson, manufacture of explosives or bombs or any other offences set forth in the indictional. in the indictments.

never had in my possession any bombs or similar articles or explosives," he enid. "I have never obtained, nor was I ever concerned in obtaining, hombs or other explosives for any one at any

Bronkhorst Also Denies

In disclaiming association with the other alleged co-conspirators and re-sponsibility for their acts, Kienzle de-

Butcher Who Had Pedal on His Scales Goes to Jail.

In days of yore dishonest butchers used to "weigh their hands" to cheat their customers. New-fangled counter scales put an end to the nefarious pracce, but Joseph Hartigan, Commissioner of Weights and Measures, brought into Special Sessions yesterday a veritable Yankee contraption whereby ers by using his foot instead of his

ances was a string that passed invisibly down through the counter and ended in a ten-ounce piece of lead. The lead rested on a box and the box rested on a pedal such as is used on NOTE CALLED organs. When Ermann desired to short-weight a customer he simply pressed his foot on the pedal, releasing the prop. The lead did the rest.

Dr. Herbert Kjenzle, the clock man- large quantities. I had to do it to make ufacturer, of Schwenningen, Germany, money, because competition was so

"I am inclined to believe that the poor were also your victims. You are sentenced to the penitentiary for three months," said Justice Russell.

BETRAYED BY AID

Report Was Obtained by Quick Spying. Captain Boy-Ed, German Naval Attaché, got possession of a report of

is the first time that Kienzle has navy needs almost as soon as Presipublicly been connected with German dent Wilson, according to a report current yesterday. His possession of it by was betrayed by one of his own men. The incident became known follow-

Several weeks ago a special board of nephew of E. N. Breitung, the banker, diate needs of the navy, and it was and announced that he would move to turned over to the President at his have a separate trial. His action was request. He had only had the report followed by counsel for Dr. Kienzle a few days, it is said, when he learned duty to make a report to a design and Engelbert Bronkhorst, who pre- that an abstract of it was in the possented affidavits for both men, giving session of Captain Boy-Ed. Mr. Wilson

> Boy-Ed, hearing of the investigation, called before him one of his secretaries and, denouncing him severely, asked if he had given the information of the leak to the United States of-

> ficials. to have replied, "and if you want to come out in the open and make an issue of it, I am willing you should provoke a colossal scandal.

ITALY LOSES TWO WARSHIPS and Transport Sunk

Drifting Mines.

saved, with the exception of forty men of battle, acts contrary to instructions, a German and not an Austrian vessel. saved, with the exception of forty men but nothing of the kind has occurred Dr. Gericar states further that in Bulgarians do not intend to invade

#### FOE'S HEAD A GIFT TO CARRANZA GENERAL

"Cultured" Colonel Sends Christmas Greeting to His Chief.

The affidavit includes photographs of some of the dum-mud bullets, which he dent Porfirio Diaz, and relative of said had been made by the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, of Bridgeport, and were shipped to Great Britain for use in the Lee-Enfield rife.

Cruz, as a Christmas present.

The affidavit includes photographs of formerly an intimate friend of President of President of the Stabilimento Technic cent lives must be regretted and deployed, cannot be disapproved.

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"If in one single day the heads of to the Federal Company, which was the levest bidder.

By Telegraph to The Tribunal

No report on the contract was ever made by Wood, Mr. Whitney said, not report on the full commission, which on the full commission to the full commiss of that grandeur to which all cultured to a nation at war with Austria-Hunknows the personnel of the Austrian
knows the personnel of the Austrian nations have a right," reads a letter gary fence to prove what he himself be-lieved to be a fact—that his father from Lieutenant Colonel Galleia to

This dispatch was made public at discussion of the demands of the American note:

When General Converse headquarters by the chief of his information bureau.

When General Converse headquarters and expert said to the discussion of the demands of the American note: When General Gonzales heard what

had been done he forbade the chief of the information bureau to give out further copies of the telegram, and the further copies of the telegram, and the highest degree. The government might possibly yield points in a matter affect-

# UPON ANCONA

Officer Did Duty, Says Admiralty, Opposing Disavowal.

OPEN INSULT

"I cheated only those who bought in High Functionary Charges U. S. Has Harried Dual Monarchy.

Vienna, Dec. 14 (by courier to Berlin via London, Dec. 15) .- The Austro-Hungarian Admiralty is entirely opposed to any disavowal of the course of the submarine commander who was responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamer An-Wurtemberg. This protest, he said, Secretary Revealed How Navy cona. On the contrary, it approves his conduct fully, and declares that he would have been considered as having failed to perform his duty if he had allowed the Ancona to es-

it is understood, will be delivered soon, possibly Wednesday. The correspondent of The Associated Press has not been able to obtain a foreeast of the terms of the reply, but view of the situation is justified.

Commander Did His Duty.

The Admiralty to-day stated its case and the attitude of the naval

"It is a submarine commande nated base as soon as possible, and the commander who sank the Ar cona did this as soon as he was within wireless distance of land. He made a supplementary report Pola, and accompanied it with his No examination of the crev was held because the commander's report was considered complete and there was no reason to suppose that Fact Is Common Knowl- But London Doubts if Teuthe crew could add anything thereto.

"So far as the commander is concerned, his course is clear. The Admiralty has received his report and sees no reason to find any fault with his course of action.

he Admiralty had found that the com-Inomas Dodd, both of whom were directors of the Union Company at the lime Johnson is alleged to have asked for the \$5,000 and both of whom were present at the meeting when the party.

The failure of the North German and nachine tool industry.

The failure of the North German and nachine tool industry to have a party of the cause of her death. Is to take out patents on some for some form and to study factory and the death his inventions and to study factory and nachine tool industry.

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Submarine in Double Danger. "It appears clearly from his report

that his ship was in danger; indeed, in double danger; first, from the fact that an enemy boat was approaching on a line that threatened to cut off his retrest, and the enemy ship and the An-Mexico City, Dec. 10 .- General Pablo cona could have established his radius Gonzales, commander of Mexico City of action and could have set a torpedo for the de facto government, received boat flotilla on him; and, second, there a telegram to-night that the head of was danger of the Ancons escaping, General Juan B. Hernandez, who was which, according to his instructions, formerly an intimate friend of Presi- was to be prevented in all circum-

without destroying the Ancona it would have been failure to do his duty, since

Fleet Her Favored Child. A naval writer and expert said to The

tria's fleet is her favorite child. Its honor and prestige are treasured to the highest degree. The government might

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### Your Christmas Dinner

Six specialists, each in a different line, make suggestions in next Sunday's Tribune for a Christmas dinner for a family of six. Notable among them is Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous pure food specialist, contributing editor of "Good Housekeeping" magazine. A dinner for the epicure or a dinner for the dietitian, a dinner

costing \$50 or a dinner costing \$1.80. On whatever scale or along whatever lines your own Christmas dinner is being planned, there is a double page of helpful thoughts here for the house-Spe k to your newsdealer to-day-he'll be glad to see that

you get Sunday's Tribune with this and its many other features. The Sunday Tribune

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AUSTRIANNAVY BRITAIN NAMES NEW CHIEF BACKS ATTACK OF FORCES ON WEST FRONT: JOFFRE'S HAND SEEN IN MOVE

TO TRY WHERE GEN. FRENCH FAILED. French's First Aid



General Sir Douglas Haig has been serving as first aid to the British Field Marshal. He is a veteran of the Nile expedition and the South African war and has been cited many times for military feats.

### GERMAN U-BOAT **ALLIES REACH** SANK THE ANCONA, SAFETY 25 MILES GORICAR CHARGES FROM SALONICA

tons Will Cross the

Greek Line.

London, Dec. 15 .- With the Anglo-

fortified base at Salonica, where re-

nforcements are arriving daily, the

It seems fairly well settled that the

French observers put the Teuton forces

The speculation naturally has to do

They are variously reported to be con-

Allies Prepared for Foc.

with the Bulgars at 20,000 men.

firmation.

edge Among Teuton Officials Here, He Says.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

er Intrepide and the Italian transport mander had done anything contrary to Journal" yesterday in which he declares second phase of the Balkan campaign, manded our armies in France and ing to announcement made in a semi- without waiting for any demand to tives of Germany and Austria through- army, has closed, and the people of mand. come from some foreign government. It out this country that the submarine the belligerent countries are anxiously "His Majesty's government, with

> accepting, with apparent rejuctance, the Greece, an action which would likely charge of ownership of this submarine. cause dissensions in that country, which to his country at the front, have, the Austro-Hungarian government has already is uneasy over the Bulgarian with the King's approval, requested been again used, as so many times be-

> Dr. Goricar's statement is as follows: in every German and Austrian consulate in this country-a knowledge which consuls and consul generals are not at all afraid to discuss with their with the Germans and their intentions. intimate friends-that the submarine which sank the Ancona was really a German submarine of the largest type, which was shipped to the great works of and on the Rumanian border and as the Stabilimento Technico at Trieste preparing for an attempt to drive the That there might be a change in

Austrians Not Guilty.

"Even without my personal knowledge such orders as resulted in the sinking been said of it recently, has not been of the Ancona could have been issued by the Austrian Admiralty or obeyed, if issued, by the splendid and or obeyed, if issued, by the splendid and high-minded type of men who constitute the per-sonnel of the leaders of the Austrian

naval establishment.

"The Austrian navy has always had a fine prestige, as every British and French naval officer will testify. The naval battle fought by Austria under Vice-Admiral Tegetthoff, which resulted in a victory over the Italians at Lissa, was a remarkable illustration of the fighting methods of the Austrian navy.

Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Salonica is being made stronger daily and has the backing of warships, as also has the Gallipoli Peninsula, there have been strengthened. The Russians are being a victory over the Italians at Lissa, was a remarkable illustration of the fighting methods of the Austrian navy."

Teutonic nowers. in a victory over the Italians at Lissa, was a remarkable illustration of the fighting methods of the Austrian navy and also of the humanity of its commanders. There is this difference between the Austrian soldier and the German soldier—that the former cannot be put to such tests of cruelty and leaves the control of the said to be another of their objectives, also has been placed in a state of defence.

Describing the Allies' position is the saying:

country which I represented for fifteen years in the consular service
But I cannot conceive, and no man with
an intimate knowledge of the conditions, can conceive, that any Austrian
submarine manned by Austrian officers
could have been guilty of the massacre
of the innocent victims of the Ancona.
The entire act was stamped from beginning to end with the horrible stamp
of von Tirpitz frightfulness, and could
have emanated from no other source

tions with regard to the invasion of
Greek territory.

"Now that the Allies have completely
subsequent developments must for the
time being lie with the enemy. A Bulgarian officer, captured the other day,
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task she had set for herself, and no
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Named to Take His Place.

ASOUITH DENIES PARIS COERCION

Hints at More Changes-Field Marshal Made a Viscount.

London, Dec. 16.-Field Marshal Sir John French has been relieved of the command of the British forces in France and Flanders. His successor is General Sir Douglas Haig, who has been the leader of the First Army in the west since the expeditionary force landed, and has been mentioned repeatedly in the dispatches of his chief, whose place he now takes.

Official circles have expected the change for some time, and an nouncement was made of the transfer in the House of Commons ves terday. Premier Asquith hinted plated. Although the Duke of Connaught had been mentioned as possible choice in Sir John French' place, the appointment of General Haig, it is said, was anticipated the best informed quarters.

An official statement issued las night says that Sir John French had been relieved at his own request The field marshal has been appointed commander in chief of the armies in the United Kingdom, and in recognition of his sixteen months' services at the front has been created viscount of the United King

Created a Viscount

The War Office's announcement reads as follows: "General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in command of the armies

in France and Flanders. "Since the commencement of the Providence, Dec. 15.-"The Provi- French forces safely across the Greek war, during over sixteen months of dence Journal" will say to-morrow frontier and close to their strongly severe and incessant strain, Field Marshal French has most ably com-

full appreciation of and gratitude for the conspicuous services which Field Marshal French has rendered occupation of Monastir. Also, it is not him to accept the appointment of fore, as a cloak for Germany's crimes. believed that the Austrians and the field marshal commanding in chief Germans have sufficient troops avail- the troops stationed in the United "It is a matter of general knowledge able to attack the Entente Allies. Kingdom, and Field Marshal French has accented that appointment.

> "The King has been pleased to confer upon Sir John French the dignity of Viscount of the United centrated near Monastir and Doiran Kingdom."

. Change Long Hinted.

Entente Allies from the Gallipoli Pen- the supreme British command on the insula. All these reports lack con-Western front had been hinted for some time. These hints increased One thing seems certain to the miliof these facts, and as much as I have tary observers—that the Germans will with the recent appointment of Genreason to detest and despise the Austro- have to keep a close watch on the eral Joffre as commander in chief of

knows the personnel of the Austrian war against them, but to meet the Joffre had no bearing on the substinavy and the Austrian character to be- threat of a Russian invasion through tution of General Haig for Field lieve for a moment either that any Rumania, which, although nothing has Marshal French, however, was announced to-day in the House of Com-

mons by Premier Asquith. Last Monday Sir Edward Andrew Cornwall asked the government during the session of the House for information as to whether General Joffre's appointment would necessi-

German soldier—that the former cannot be put to such tests of cruelty and inhumanity as the latter.

"A von Tirpitz Act."

"Nobody will doubt that I, more than most men, realize the character and despicable diplomatic methods of the country which I represented for fiften years in the consular service of Greek territory.

fence.

Describing the Allies' position in the Balkans, a Reuter dispatch from British headquarters in Macedonia says:

"The situ tion here threatens to enter on a period of comparative stagnation pending clearer revelations of the Austrian, German and Bulgarian intentions with regard to the invasion of Greek territory.

Some changes are in the course of being made and will be announced almost immediately. They have no changes made by the French government with regard to Cannot London. ment with regard to General Joffre's French Much Consured.

But rumors still persist here that

Joffre forced the British action. For no months General French has been criticised, both in official circles of von Tirpitz frightfuiness, and could have emanated from no other source than the German Admiralty.

"The fears that apparently exist in the State Department at Washington no longer under any apprehension with Western front. The defeat at Neuve Chapelle caused several denuncia-